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Letter dated 4 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose a letter to you from Fuad Siniora, Prime Minister of Lebanon, concerning the extension of the mandate of the International Independent Investigation Commission until 28 February 2009 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would arrange for the text of the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
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During its meeting on 27 November 2008, the Lebanese Council of Ministers took note of the intention of Daniel Bellemare to request the extension for a period of two months of the mandate of the International Independent Investigation Commission, established in accordance with Security Council resolution 1595 (2005) of 7 April 2005.

We hope that the Security Council will respond favourably to this request by extending the Commission's mandate until 28 February 2009.

We are also pleased to learn from your report of 26 November 2008 to the Security Council (S/2008/734) on the progress of the implementation of Council resolution 1757 (2007) that the ongoing preparations for the start of the functioning of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon continue to proceed as planned.

(*Signed*) Fuad **Siniora**